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Unemployed workers can file for benefits online

INDIANAPOLIS (December 22, 2006) – People who are laid off or lose their jobs can apply for unemployment insurance benefits online, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development.

“This is a very busy time of the year as seasonal unemployment and mass layoffs reach their peak,” said Andrew Penca, commissioner of the department. “As we are in the midst of shifting from paper to electronic filing of claims, we want to make sure that claimants are aware of this. With the online application, they can apply any time they want, day or night by using any computer with internet access.”

“Electronic submissions actually speed up the process and result in faster service to the claimant,” Penca noted.

The online application is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at http://www.in.gov/dwd/job_seekers/ui_to_file.html. In addition to home computers, libraries and other community-based centers that offer computer access, WorkOne offices throughout the state have computers readily available.

To apply, people need their Social Security number, the names and addresses of all employers for the last two years, their dates of work and the reason they left each job.

To be eligible for unemployment benefits, a worker must lose his job through no fault of their own and must look for work each week. Benefits are fully funded by employers through unemployment insurance taxes.